

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

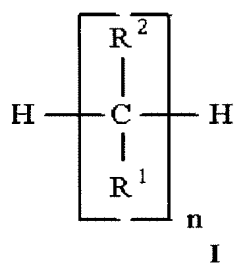
This listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

63. (Cancelled).

64. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a combination of

i) a fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of formula I ~~and isomers~~ or an isomer thereof,



wherein formula I, n , R^1 , R^2 , R' , M and the niacinamide derivative are as defined in claim 63 ~~wherein:~~

n is 3;

each of R^1 and R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, OM, OR', O-CO- R' , straight-chain or branched C_1 - C_6 alkyl and straight-chain or branched C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, provided that one or two of R^1 and R^2 is -O-CO- R' and at least one of R^1 and R^2 is OH; and

R' is C_6 - C_{14} alkyl and M is an alkali metal,

and

ii) niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof, wherein the derivative is selected from the group consisting of (a) niacinamide derivatives with one substitution of the ring, with substituents selected from halogen, NH_2 , methyl, OR and SH and (b) niacinamide derivatives wherein the amide group is in the form of its secondary amide or its tertiary amide.

65. (Cancelled).

66. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~65~~ 64, wherein R' is selected from unsubstituted straight-chain or branched C_6 - C_{12} alkyl.

67. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~63~~ 64, wherein O-CO- R' is an acyloxy moiety derived from an acid, HO-CO- R' , selected from the group consisting of caproic acid, caprylic acid, capric acid, lauric acid and myristic acid.

68. (Cancelled)

69. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~63~~ 64, wherein the niacinamide, salt and a derivative thereof is selected from the group consisting of niacinamide, thioniacinamide, 6-amino-niacinamide, N²-methylniacinamide, N²-ethylniacinamide, 6-methoxy-niacinamide and salts thereof.

70. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~63~~ 64, wherein the pyridine derivative is niacinamide or a salt thereof.

71. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~63~~ 64, wherein the fatty acid ester and the niacinamide a salt or a derivative thereof are present in a molar ratio of between about 1:10000 to 10000:1, preferably about 1:1000 to 1000:1, more preferably of about 1:100 to 100:1, even more preferably of about 1:10 to 10:1, most preferably of about 1:5 to 5:1 or about 1:2 to 2:1.

72. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~63~~ 64, wherein the fatty acid ester is racemic, enantiomerically enriched or enantiomerically pure 1-glycerol-monocaprylate and wherein the niacinamide, salt or a derivative thereof is niacinamide.

73. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~63~~ 64, further comprising one or more excipient(s) or carrier(s) for the formulation of a pharmaceutical, a dietary supplement or a cosmetic.

74. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 73, further comprising one or more therapeutically active agents.

75. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 73, formulated for oral, topical, transdermal, or parenteral administration.

76. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 75, formulated for topical administration.

77. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) Use of a composition as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64, as a dietary supplement.

78. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) Use of a composition as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64, as a cosmetic.

79. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A method for treating conditions selected from the group consisting of acne, acne prone skin, irritated skin, dry skin, skin redness, scaly or flaking skin, sunburn comprising administering a composition as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64.

80. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) Use of a composition as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64, as an antiseptic agent, disinfectant, bacteriostatic agent, bactericidal agent, protective agent, and/or regenerating agent.

81. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of infections or diseases associated with infections selected from the group consisting of microbial infections, viral infections, infections caused by parasites, infections caused by fungi in a mammal, including a human, comprising the administration to said mammal an effective amount of a combination of a fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of formula I and niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof, wherein formula I, n, R¹, R², R', M and the niacinamide derivative are as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64.

82. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of viral infections or diseases associated with viral infections in a mammal, including a human, comprising the administration to said mammal an effective amount of a combination of a fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of formula and niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof, wherein formula I, n, R¹, R², R', M and the niacinamide derivative are as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64.

83. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 82, for the treatment, alleviation or prevention of infection with virus or a disease associated with infection with virus selected from the group consisting of herpesviruses, adenoviruses, papovaviruses, parvoviruses, picornaviruses, reoviruses, togaviruses, bunyaviruses, orthomyxoviruses, paramyxoviruses, rhabdoviruses, retroviruses, arenaviruses, poxviruses, hepadnaviruses, caliciviruses, flaviviruses, coronaviruses, filoviruses and orthomyxoviruses.

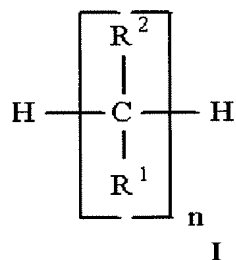
84. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 82, for the treatment, alleviation or prevention of infection with virus or a disease associated with infection with virus selected from the group consisting of rhinovirus, influenzavirus, hepatitisvirus, herpesvirus and cytomegalovirus.

85. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 82, for the treatment, alleviation or prevention of a disease associated with infection with virus selected from the group consisting of common cold, influenza viral pharyngitis, viral pneumonia and viral hepatitis in an individual.

86. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a disease and disorder associated with hypersensitivity and/or inflammatory reactions, including a human, comprising the administration to said mammal an effective amount of a combination of a fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of formula I and niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof, wherein formula I, n, R¹, R², R', M and the niacinamide derivative are as defined in claim ~~63~~ 64.

87. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 86, wherein said disease and disorder is selected from the group consisting of hypersensitivity skin disease, pruritus, urticaria, atopic eczema, contact dermatitis, seborrhoeic dermatitis, acne, rosacea, alopecia, vitiligo, psoriasis IgE mediated allergic reactions, asthma, allergic rhinitis, anaphylaxis, autoimmune disease, chronic inflammatory disease, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, osteoarthritis, inflammation associated with pain and inflammation associated with cancer.

88. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The method according to claim 81, comprising administering a composition comprising ~~a chemical complex comprising~~ a combination of:
i) a fatty acid ester in the form of a mono-ester or in the form of a di-ester of formula I or isomers thereof,



wherein:

n is 3;

each R¹ and R² is independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, OM, OR', O-CO-R', straight-chain or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl and straight-chain or branched C₂-C₆ alkenyl, provided that one or two of R¹ and R² is -O-CO-R' and at least one of R₁ and R₂ is OH; and

R' is selected from the group consisting of C₆-C₁₄ alkyl ~~and C₆-C₂₆ alkenyl~~, and M is an alkali metal[[:]],
and

ii) niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof, wherein the derivative is selected from the group consisting of niacinamide derivatives with one substitution of the ring with substituents selected from halogen, NH₂,

methyl, OR and SH and from niacinamide derivatives wherein the amide group is in the form of its secondary amide or its tertiary amide.

89. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 81, wherein the fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of formula I and niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof are together comprised in a single formulation or are each individually comprised in separate formulations.

90. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 81, wherein fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of formula I and niacinamide, a salt or a derivative thereof is administered by means of oral, topical, transdermal, or parenteral administration, or combinations thereof.

91. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 81, wherein the medicament further comprises one or more therapeutically active agents.

92. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 91, wherein the separate formulations are administered in a simultaneous or non-simultaneous manner.